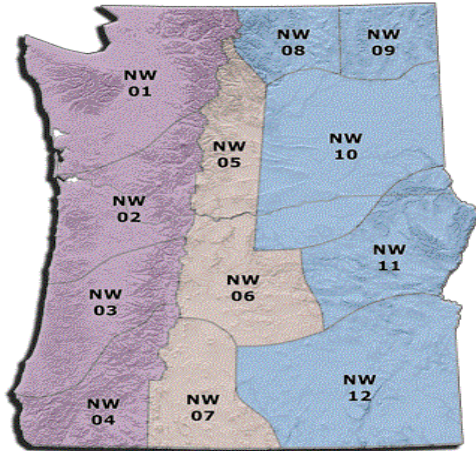


Pacific Northwest 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

Saturday, 9/12/2020



Legend

Fire Environment (FEN) 4 levels

Minimal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a very low risk for Large fires (less than 1% chance)
Normal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a <u>normal</u> risk for large fires (1 - 4% chance)
Elevated	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a moderately high risk for large fires (5 - 19% chance)
High Risk	The risk for large fire(s) is very high (≥ 20%) Triggers: 1. ⚡ (Significant Lightning) 2. BEN (Critical Burn Environment)

The assessment of the overall fire environment considers multiple factors including weather, lightning amount and fuel dryness. Large Fire probabilities are derived objectively via statistical methods. **High Risk** levels (≥ 20% probability of a large fire) are almost always due to significant lightning as burning conditions alone rarely result in a large fire probability much above about 10%.

Predictive Service		Today	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Areas	ytd							
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Fire Weather: Plenty of smoke covers the region today as winds shift to favor more westerly and southerly. Humidity remains low east of the Cascades but is improving on the west side. On Sunday afternoon general winds will strengthen a bit in central Oregon and central Washington which will help elevate new large fire potential mainly for PSA NW06 and NW07. Forecasts continue to indicate some light rain for the west side Monday night and Tuesday possibly penetrating further inland during the rest of the week but details remain unclear. See your local NWS fire weather planning forecasts and Red Flag Warnings for details in your area.

Fire Potential: Potential for new large fires is dropping on the west side due to the moderation of fire weather conditions, including heavy smoke. Fire danger, however, remains high. The best potential for any new large fires will shift to central Oregon on Sunday afternoon due to the increase in southwesterly winds expected.

Preparedness Level:

Northwest: 5
National: 5

- John Saltenberger